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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

DENIA ISABEL MARADIAGA-
MAYORQUIN,

Petitioner,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 04-71443

Agency No. A79-778-957

MEMORANDUM^{*}

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted October 11, 2005^{**}

Before: T.G. NELSON, WARDLAW, and TALLMAN, Circuit Judges.

Denia Isabel Maradiaga-Mayorquin, a native and citizen of Honduras,
petitions for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals (“BIA”)
dismissing the appeal of an immigration judge’s denial of her applications for

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cited to or by the courts of this circuit except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

^{**} This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without
oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

asylum and withholding of removal. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. Reviewing for substantial evidence, *see Zheng v. Ashcroft*, 397 F.3d 1139, 1143 (9th Cir. 2005), we deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the BIA's determination that there was no nexus between robberies Maradiaga-Mayorquin experienced and her religious beliefs. *See Sangha v. INS*, 103 F.3d 1482, 1486-87 (9th Cir. 1997). Furthermore, there is no mention in either the State Department country reports on Honduras or in materials provided by Maradiaga-Mayorquin that the Maras gang is involved in the suppression of religion. *See Zheng*, 397 F.3d at 1143 (the IJ may consider the State Department's reports in evaluating a petitioner's credibility and to discredit general statements).

Because Maradiaga-Mayorquin cannot meet the lower standard of eligibility for asylum, she has failed to show that she is entitled to a withholding of removal. *See Gonzalez-Hernandez v. Ashcroft*, 336 F.3d 995, 1001 (9th Cir. 2003).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.